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Nothing ever gave us more disappointment than the late day on which the Fourth of July number made its appearance. Just as the last two pages were going to press, the ink-rollers came to grief. A year's usage on a paper demanding as much press work as the RAY had been too much for them and we found it necessary that they be recast before any further printing could be done.

This caused so much delay, that the present issue also appeared behind time, but now that everything has been put to rights the RAY presses are once more in running order, ready to print each week the news of this beautiful valley.

LOCUST GROVE

HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST WEEK IN CONCISE FORM.

Beauty is the lady's horse "par excellence."

Adrian ten Bosch is spending a day in in the city.

Our principal, Mrs. A. B. Lubeck, left for San Francisco yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Littell were over from Bernadotte Wednesday, showing off the baby.

All preparations are being made for the opening of school, and house-cleaning is the order of the day.

Mr. Wm. Martin, after a short but pleasant visit among the Grovites, left for San Francisco on Wednesday last.

Swimming is now the feature of the afternoons. The bathing suits are particularly pretty this summer. Some styles are very striking.

Henry Hanson is spending a week at the Grove; but owing to certain attractions at Embarcadero, we seldom see either him or old Beauty.

The guests have been greatly entertained by the magnificent feats performed on the tennis court, champion players taking part from New South Wales and Berkeley.

Miss Bella Landsborough and John Roderick ten Bosch left for Sacramento Tuesday morning by the Santa Rosa & Carquinez Railroad. They will be gone about a week.

Mrs. and Miss Mallory, Mrs. Goodfellow and children, Miss Mabel Greathead, Mr. E. E. Buckleton, and Dr. F. J. Lane, who had been spending a few days at the Grove, took the Donahue cars for the city on Monday morning of this week.

Gen. W. L. Martin, who spent the early part of the week at Locust Grove, advances the following theory:—"If a mosquito alights on you, do not kill it, but gently flick it with your second finger and thumb. This will prevent disfigurement." We should like to remark that the general who advances the above theory, during his short stay among us, invariably appeared with swollen temples and inflamed eyelids.

Mr. R. D. Martinez favored us with his presence a few days this week. This morning, he appeared decked up in true sportmanship style. He evidently had indulged in the purchase of a shooting waistcoat, adorned with the usual number of pockets for the purpose of holding ammunition; your reporter, being anxious to give the "Nimrod's" many friends an exact account of his days sport, carefully noted the number of cartridges he carried about his person. By a simple calculation in multiplication, he found the number to be fifty-six. Mr. Martinez returned to the Grove at about 5.30 P. M. looking as bright and gay as Lathario: but alas! the truth must be told!— there were but three cartridges remaining: his game bag was empty and our young friend vaguely refered to a blackbird he had shot, but failed to account for its nonappearance.

ANOTHER FIRE!

SONOMA ONCE MORE IS THE VICTIM OF AN INCENDIARY.

Last Monday night, Sonoma was the victim of another fire. This time McMackin's corner, consisting of the Occidental Hotel, an unoccupied grocery store, Pabst's tin-shop and a small granary, were destroyed. Strange to say, in a business town the size of Sonoma, none of the buildings were insured.

Chief Engineer Englebert, who discovered the flames bursting through the windows of the tin-shop, sounded the alarm, and in an exceedingly short space of time, the fire-men were at work, using their mightiest efforts to save the old town from destruction. Seeing that the corner had to go, our brave laddies directed their whole attention to the adjoining buildngs. Duhring's store and McMackin's mill were severely scorched; but a heavy stream of water, kept in constant play prevented their destruction. What with the assistance of farmers, who arrived from all directions, and the bravery of the Sonoma Volunteer Fire Department, the fire was at last extinguished, and when our reporter arrived on the scene, early next morning, nothing but a mass of ruins remained to tell the tale of the preceding night.

About fifteen minutes before the fire was discovered, Mrs. Grothaus heard a door slam in the old grocery store, and saw a dark figure running across the street. That it was the work of an incendiary is beyond a doubt. Mr. Pabst was accused of commiting this crime, in order to get the insurance on his stock of goods, which was valued at $1,500 and insured for $900; but we are pleased to say that this charge can not be substantiated.

This, like the fire of a year ago, will undoubtedly be of great benefit to Sonoma, as new buildings will of course be built, and there is every reason to believe that they will be solid structures which will form no comparison with the rickety, wooden affairs just destroyed.

SONOMA.

A FEW ITEMS PICKED UP AROUND TOWN.

Mrs. Vallejo has had change for the better.

Chester Smith and Geo. R. Waters, two old Sonoma boys, were up for the Fourth.

Miss Addie Sydnor formerly a resident of of this place, was up on a visit Sunday.

Miss Birdie Rust of San Francisco has been spending the week at the residence of Capt. Cutter.

We are sorry to hear of the indisposition of Miss Tommy Smythe. She is lying seriously ill with scarlet fever.

A party composed of Messrs. Jas. and Will Church, Alf. McLaughlin, H. H. Granice and Fred Ehrlich set out on a hunting expedition last Saturday, and succeded in bringing down a couple of fine jack-rabbits.

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